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Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session, held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall, was short and strictly business. The reports of the grand commander and grand inspector-general were read and properly referred.

The reception tendered to the vets and visitors by the Daughters and beginning at 4 o'clock, was largely attended and was a most enjoyable affair.

The Virginia Division of United Sons, Confederate Veterans, held their preliminary meeting, beginning at 6 o'clock, and at night, under the auspices of the Petersburg Sons, a "Grand Banquet" was enjoyed by many veterans, for they were tired after the day's doings—but immensely by their sons and daughters and grandsons and granddaughters.

A number of side meetings and minor reunions were held during the evening, among them a meeting of the survivors of the Third Virginia Cavalry, who were addressed by the adjutant-general, commander, General Thomas T. Munford.

From early morn to midnight, old Confederates mingled one with another, shook hands, told over the old war stories, fought over the old battles, and had a good time generally.

Thus ended the opening day of the eighteenth annual reunion of the Grand Camp Confederate Veterans of Virginia—a day, the pleasantness of which was not dimmed in the least by the overhanging clouds that constantly threatened, but at no time sent forth much darkness.

MORNING SESSION: ELOQUENT TALKS

Woman's Oratory Captures the Virginia Soldiers, and They Adopted the Orator.

When the clock in the cupola of the courthouse on the hill, two blocks away from the Academy of Music, had finished the twelve strokes which announced the high noon hour, Dr. W. E. Harwood, of Petersburg, a one-armed and otherwise battle-scarred veteran of the war between the States, and the Grand Commander of the Grand Camp, Confederate Veterans of Virginia, left the gavel and called the Virginia veterans to order in their eighteenth annual reunion.

But a moment before the vast audience in front of the commander was wildly cheering and waving a thousand or more Confederate flags, as the strains of "Dixie," played by the band, had died away, but at the top of the gavel there was perfect order, and the Rev. Dr. John P. Hyde, of Winchester, the chaplain-general, stepped forward and opened the proceedings with a fervently eloquent prayer. The man of God thanked the giver of every good and perfect gift for the Confederate soldier, for his deeds of valor, for his fidelity and his love of the right, and he prayed earnestly for the peace and happiness and comfort of the survivors and for final entrance into rest in the eternal camping ground of God's loved and saved soldiers.

Petersburg's Official Welcome.
Mayor William A. Jones, of the Cockade City, cordially welcomed the battle-scarred veterans to the homes and hearts of the people of Petersburg. He declared they were entitled to the consideration of every Southern city, but particularly of Petersburg, because they stood by that city in its time of greatest extremity. Briefly reviewing the brave deeds leading up to the siege of Petersburg, the Mayor again welcomed his guests in these graceful words:

"For this, we owe you a special debt of gratitude, and now, in the evening of your lives, when you come to us again, we bid you welcome to our hearts and to our homes, and in token of our appreciation, I hand you, through your commander, the keys to our city, and hope that you may enjoy every moment of your stay with us."

The Mayor then handed over to the grand commander two tremendous keys, partially wrapped in small Confederate battle flags.

Judge Christian Responds.

The response to the welcome was by Past Grand Commander Judge George L. Christian, of Richmond. Judge Christian rehearsed the law of the camp that no speech should be over ten minutes in length, and then stopped his watch. He spoke about twenty minutes. After replying to the welcome address he proceeded to arouse the enthusiasm of the old soldiers with an earnest and well prepared defense of the cause for which they fought, and he declared that the thinking people of the North were in hearty sympathy with the sentiments expressed in Richmond but a few days ago by President Roosevelt that the southern soldier was entitled to as much praise as glory for the part he took in the war as was the northern soldier—a sentiment which no northern man would have dared to express twenty years ago.

National Park in Sight.

A. P. Hill Camp's welcome was extended by Commander L. L. Marks, who expressed appreciation of the honor of following Mayor Jones, and with a happy touch of humor, his pleasure that the key of the city had been turned over, but left with the chief of police with strict injunction not to admit any Confederate veteran to its hospitality.

Commander Marks extended hearty welcome to the officers and paid eloquent tribute to the women of the South, and their memorial organizations; then gracefully welcomed the sponsors and maids of honor.

After a hearty word to his old comrades, he paid a glowing tribute to their valor in the siege of Petersburg, especially mentioning Grand Commander Harwood.

Commander Marks emphasized the importance of the bill now before Congress to establish a national park on the fields of the great siege.

Prize vs. Policy.

The response, as by First Lieutenant Grand Commander John H. Fulton, of Wytheville, when Judge Fulton bobbled to the front of the stage, the left leg of his trousers hanging empty and the weight of the left side of his body supported by a crutch, while he carried a stout cane in his right hand for further support, he was cheered, and many old soldiers who knew full well what the empty pants-leg meant, were seen to shed tears.

But the tears were soon brushed aside, for the malmed soldier opened his address in a clear, strong voice, and his humorous and friendly thrusts at some of the speakers who had preceded him, got the audience into a roar of laughter.

He, too, discussed at some length the right and the true purpose for which the South fought. His bold and eloquent assertion that the whole world, including the best men of the world, had come to understand that "the South fought for a principle and

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speech, General C. Irwin Walker, past grand commander of the Grand Camp of South Carolina, stepped forward and announced that South Carolina had loaned to Virginia for just a day one of her jewels, Hon. John Lamb, of Richmond, then gracefully introduced to the camp Miss Elizabeth Elliott Lumpkin, of Columbia, who delivered a finished oration for the Confederate Soldier. Miss Lumpkin is a tall, handsome young woman, about twenty-eight, perhaps, and in appearance and manner she is typically Southern, and, as she spoke in a full, round voice, every intonation of which could be heard to the uttermost parts of the crowded hall, her dark brown eyes flashed in a manner to indicate that her very soul was in the

eloquent words she was uttering. In gesture she was animated, and in pose she was perfect. Truly Miss Lumpkin is an orator. Addressing the Daughters of the Confederacy and the Veterans, she said in part:

"I am proud that I, a Southern woman, may speak to you today. Yet how can I find words to greet you, you grand old men who guarded with your lives the virgin whiteness of our South!"

Here in Petersburg, Virginia has given us her hand in greeting, and her heart in welcome.

Here, where the great battle of the Center was fought. In this place one of the centers of the fearful conflict of the past, it is fitting that we should have the peaceful meeting place of the present. It is fitting that here Virginia should honor the memory of her splendid dead and bless the living with her loyalty and her praise.

Aunt Mervyn Ann says: "Tain't lan', tain't fine clothes, tain't big houses what makes quality; hit des a long line, a grave-yards stretching way back to Virginia, and funder, wide a whole heap or folks what knowed how to treat 'tother folks!'"

As constant as the heart of a daughter is to her mother, so is the heart of the whole South constant to Virginia. For your people are our people. In Virginia are many of our graves, and it is for the sake of the graves and the memories of Virginia that we are met here to-day.

The graves and the memories! The heroes that all those graves and the heroes who are living still!

Let a man be what he demands a woman shall be, and woman will be content. General Robert E. Lee! Most majestic, most beloved, most strong and most sweet. He was all that he demanded of his wife; he was all that his mother would have him be! General Stonewall Jackson! A man who made his forenoon sublime, his afternoon a psalm, his night a prayer. These and many others Virginia and the whole South bless. They are the sons of Virginia, but they belong to the whole South as well. The soldiers of the South were their boys.

It is said that the rebel yell could be heard for miles on earth, and that it echoed unto the heavens, ear-splitting, blood-curdling, war-inspiring, and that when a Southern soldier heard it, starvation and rage were forgotten things, and into the battle they went, do or die on their faces, war's desperation in their

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